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Legislation would allow sale of land for new water tower

LANSING – Taking pro-active steps for the future of Plymouth Township, in the face of recent emergencies, Senator Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, has led a bill through the Senate to grant Plymouth Township an acre of land for a new water tower.

“This will make the local water system more fluent in meeting needs in the western part of the township,” Patterson said. “A potential fire won’t catch our crews without the water pressure they need to fight fire effectively. Since the state had unused surplus land, this is an appropriate public use of the land. Homes and businesses will all be better served.”

The land, 1.18 acres near 5 mile Road and Beck, formerly part of the Western Wayne Correctional Facility, will be given to the township for a nominal \$1. It includes the highest point of land in Plymouth Township, ideal for a water tower.

“Plymouth Township looks forward to using the property for the site of a water tower and is very grateful to Senator Patterson for moving this bill through the Senate,” said Plymouth Township Supervisor, Richard Reaume. “This second water tower will allow us to maintain low water rates and increased water pressure. The Township will buy water during off-peak hours and store it in the tank, to be delivered during peak hours. The one-million gallon elevated water reserve will help maintain water pressure throughout our system and act as a reservoir during emergencies.

The bill now goes to the House for consideration.

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